

# Jackie Thompson Day

## September 7, 2024

**WHEREAS**, Jackie Thompson grew up in the Fourth District and attended Lincoln High School. While attending Lincoln High School she ran at the 1972 Summer Olympics, the first African American woman from San Diego to participate in the Olympics; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the same year, Thompson ran in the California State High School finals for the 100- and 200-meter dash and won. Thompson ran with the legendary Southeastern Mickey Missiles Track Club, founded by Audrey Mickey Patterson-Tyler who is the first African American woman to win an Olympic Medal; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Thompson still holds the section's fastest 200 meters in history at 23.08. She also represented the United States at several world stages. In 1973, she ran four times in international dual meets. At these meets she ran against West Germany, Italy, and the Soviet Union; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Thompson has generously donated her Olympic number to the San Diego History Center in Balboa Park where it will continue to be preserved and inspire athletes; **and**

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate Jackie Thompson for her many accomplishments as a runner and Olympian, and the legacy she has created. Her impressive running career continues to inspire youth in our district and beyond for years to come; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED, BY SAN DIEGO COUNCILMEMBER HENRY L. FOSTER III**, for and on behalf of the people of the Fourth Council District, does hereby proclaim, **September 7, 2024**, to be "**Jackie Thompson Day**" in the City of San Diego.